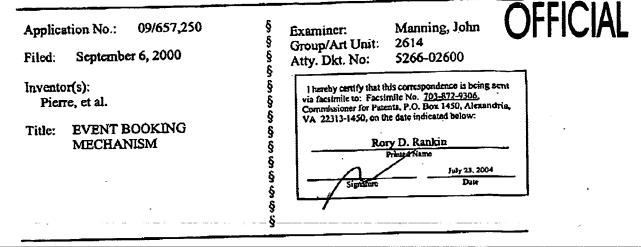
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 23, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of April 23, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

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